

TOWN OF TIVERTON

Recreation and Beach Commission

346 Judson Street, Tiverton, RI 02878

MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: RECREATION AND BEACH COMMISSION

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 7PM

Location: TIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER

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The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by G. Rose. Members present were Gary Rose, Chris Roemlein, Debbie Ebbitt, Susan Zmich, John Cordeiro, Kristen Plourde, Susan Gill and Recreation Coordinator Keith Cory.

Public delegations:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hebert. He expressed his concern as a Tiverton resident about the lack of payment by nonresidents to park at Grinnell's Beach and the poor state of maintenance at the beach. There followed a discussion of closing the gate after hours by members of the commission, they were divided on the matter. Councilman Pelletier suggested consulting with the Town Administrator as to town ordinance issues, and it possibly would require Town Council action to close the gate and police to enforce. C. Roemlein suggested a May-Sept Town parking permit only after gatehouse hours to decrease nonresident traffic at the beach. Mr. Hebert was thanked for bringing his concerns to the Commission.

Councilman Brett Pelletier made a presentation of a trash/recycle program for beaches and ball fields. The aim is to improve the infrastructure at the parks and municipal buildings. Restricted funds have been accumulating for a trash/recycle program with almost \$50,000 currently available.

1-Need to identify best practices- increase number of trash/recycle cans at facilities

2- Increase frequency of emptying

3-Increase public awareness of trash/recycle program

Trash and Recycle cans should be side by side at concession stands and high traffic areas, use visible signage and be consistent at all locations. Steel trash cans must be covered. Several

options for receptacles were presented including solar compacters that can hold 5 times the amount of regular barrels. He has asked for a letter to the Town Council of interest along with recommendations. He also suggested we contact the Litter Committee, a branch of the Landfill Commission. S. Gill volunteered to write up a proposal for consideration.

India Roemlein, a summer program instructor was present for orientation. She received her W-9 and waiver for background check for herself and Kim Goncalo, another instructor. K. Cory stated he was compiling an information packet for instructors. The Jewelry class will be held at the Ranger School library and Cooking class at Sandywoods. No other summer instructors attended.

Item #1: Treasurer's Report

J. Cordeiro was unclear about the annual report. He will speak to the Town Treasurer to clarify. The fiscal year ends June 30th; he asked if any additional spending will occur before the end of the year. He reviewed all received invoices and asked that the senior center and recreation charges are on different invoices going forward. S. Gill made a motion to pay outstanding invoices before the end of the fiscal year. Seconded by S. Zmich, motion approved unanimously.

Item #2: Secretary's Report

Correction made to minutes by D. Ebbitt. Cost of T shirts for summer staff of 20, \$12.50 each and cost of 8 Henley shirts for Commission members \$22 each. The color was changed from navy to red by G. Rose. J. Cordeiro made a motion to accept corrected minutes, C. Roemlein 2nd, all voted to accept. C. Roemlein will post minutes on State/Town website, S. Gill will deliver corrected to Town Clerk for public access and forward to Town Council. S. Gill presented a template for recording minutes and will write up directions how to complete the process. She also suggested a rotating schedule so all members share the responsibility for recording minutes, there was no objection offered.

Item #3: Old Business

G. Rose stated DPW will install the gazebo at Bulgarmarsh at the end of June as their schedule allows. There is also new playground equipment to be installed by DPW at the Bayview playground. DPW will bill the Recreation Commission for installations.

G. Rose has no new information on soccer complex. S. Gill suggested Keith Cory participate in writing a new grant application.

G. Rose discussed property owned by Recreation on Florence Avenue. It has no value as a ball field, he suggested the option to sell the land and deposit the money from the sale into the Soccer complex fund. J. Cordeiro stated he was going to begin work on the 2015 budget and he would recommend a \$50 levy on each household to go into the soccer complex fund. No further discussion on this idea.

K. Plourde requested clarification as a newer member on the history of the soccer complex. G. Rose stated that 8.8 acres of land north of the Ranger School was given to the Recreation Commission to build an outdoor soccer facility. A 3 year time limit to build was given; as adequate funds have not yet been raised an extension of 1 year has been requested.

Town Farm bathrooms- G. Rose said after further study what would work the best is to flush the toilet systems 1-2 times per week with a gallon of bleach.

Tennis Courts- G. Rose acknowledges they are in poor condition but that there are no funds available for repair work. Summer program will be held at the high school facility. Councilman Pelletier suggested seeking matching funds for in kind service or possibly looking for grants.

Item # 4: New Business

New property at Grinnell's- C. Roemlein suggested creating a recreation center out of the old gas station. J. Cordeiro suggested leasing the building for a fish and chips restaurant. Councilman Pelletier discussed the RWU/CPC review and design that is currently taking place. July 18-19th there will be an opportunity for the public to attend an open house and contribute their ideas to the project. The times and place will be posted.

Recreation Coordinator Report- K. Cory

An Inspector has cleared both beaches, they will do monthly checks. There is now a protocol for closing the beaches if that becomes an issue.

The Fogland lifeguarded swim area is the worst part of the beach, it is rocky and all of the new sand has blown across the road. He will see what he can do to improve these conditions.

Trash on weekends is still a problem at the beaches. DPW does only a Monday and Friday pick up. The trash/recycle proposal offered by Councilman Pelletier should be evaluated.

It was discussed by the group that Baseball and Soccer people need to carry trash out or dispose of it properly in trash barrels when they use the fields. Councilman Pelletier stated DPW reports to the Town Administrator, Mr. Cory should not be caught in the middle of this issue with leagues, he should refer problems to Town.

New beach hours and beach presence discussed -

Grinnell's Gate keeper/monitors staffed 7am-7pm with overlap peak hours on weekend 10am-2pm, lifeguard hours 8am-6pm, eliminate beach cleaner position, and utilize monitor/gatekeeper to clean bathrooms and beaches at beginning and end of day. Recommends blocking parking at gas station, nonresident use high on weekend.

Fogland's Gatekeeper staffed 11am-3pm with lifeguard 10:45am-4:15pm, additional hour for gatekeeper to clean bathrooms and monitor beach 1 hour before opening gate.

He has noted Fogland has 4:1 ratio of town residents-nonresidents and 30:1 nonresident season passes therefore necessitates less monitoring.

Motion made for new staffing hours at beaches by S. Gill, C. Roemlein 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Summer camp registration will be this Saturday June 21st 9am-12noon and Tuesday the 24th 5pm-7pm at Town Hall. Any member that is able to attend to assist with registering is encouraged to do so.

No tennis instructor confirmed to date.

Guard shack to be painted gray as time and staffing allows.

S. Gill commented that *all fees* recommended for the next fiscal year must be submitted by this Thursday, June 19th to be placed on the Town Council agenda June 23rd. It has been voted on previously that beach fees will be \$5 weekdays and \$10 weekends and holidays for nonresidents, no charge for town residents. Season passes will be \$100 for nonresidents and camper/RV fees for residents and nonresidents will be \$25 weekdays and \$35 weekends and holidays. Ball fields will be \$50/event and \$100 maximum/day. These fees will be submitted to Town Council for approval. Parks Program and camp fees also required. S. Gill will submit to Town Clerk by Thursday available information..

D. Ebbitt reports AED information not all correct. CPR needs AED certification, G. Rose stated this contradicts what he has been told. He will contact sources and verify. Councilman Pelletier suggested contacting the Town's Counsel, Mr. Tietz to see how this is covered by the Trust.

Item #5: Correspondence

None

Item #6: Miscellaneous items

None

Item#7: Adjournment

G. Rose- Next meeting July 15, 2014 at 7pm. A motion was made by G. Rose to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by C. Roemlein, all members voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:09PM.

Submitted by: Susan Gill

Approved: July 17, 2014

